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SUBJ: JWG ON TECHNOLOGY, R&D-EMBASSY COMMENTS ON
PLANS AND PREPARATIONS

REF: STATE 235928 AND CAIRO 8489

1. WE ENDORSE PROPOSED STRATEGY DESCRIBED STATE REFTEL FOR
UPCOMING JWG MEETINGS. IT APPEARS TO US THAT
REALISTIC GOALS HAVE BEEN SET AND AN ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO
EMPHASIZE THE POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTING THOSE PROJECTS WHICH CAN
BE IMPLEMENTED, WITHOUT BEING NEGATIVE ABOUT PROJECTS WHICH WILL HAVE

TO WAIT. WE ESPECIALLY BELIEVE THAT EMPHASIS ON THE REPAIR AND
MAINTENANCE OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE OFFER TO SEND
AND RECEIVE TECHNICAL TEAMS WILL ALSO BE WELL RECEIVED.

2. REALIZE WE OWE READING ON EGYPTIAN REACTION TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT
AND ANNOTATED AGENDA. UNFORTUNATELY, EGYPTIAN JWG DELEGATION FOR
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS VIRTUALLY THE SAME AS THAT FOR THAT FOR THE

JWG ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN. FOR
THIS REASON WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET GOE TO FOCUS ON JWG ON
TECHNOLOGY R&D. JWG ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

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ENDS OCTOBER 26 AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME

SUBSTANTIVE CONTACTS WITH EGYPTIAN DELEGATION NEXT FEW DAYS. REALISTICALLY, HOWEVER WE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO REPORT GOE REACTIONS UNTIL A LITTLE CLOSER TO JWG MEETING DATE. WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT GOE MAY NOT HAVE CHOSEN MOST EFFECTIVE DELEGATION, BUT MOST OF THE MEMBERS BEING FROM ACADEMIC SPHERES. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT AND AS IN THE CASE OF THE JWG ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION, THERE MAY BE LAST MINUTE REINFORCEMENTS TO THE DELEGATIONS.

3. REGARDING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, CAIRO 8489 AFFIRMS THAT WE HAVE CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 1 ARRIVAL NOR

THOSE MENTIONED IN PARA 3 OF STATE 230236. WOULD APPRECIATE PRECISE ARRIVAL TIMES SO THAT WE CAN ARRANGE GROUND TRANSPORTATION.
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